



Farmington Police Department

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<i>Subject</i> LIGHTING EXEMPTION FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT	
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I. Purpose

To provide a uniform guideline for all department personnel to use when operating a department vehicle without headlights, taillights or marine navigational lighting while functioning as a peace officer of the Farmington Police Department.

II. Definitions

For the purpose of this policy, the following definitions apply:

- A. Vehicle:** A motor vehicle or watercraft owned, leased or otherwise the property of the State of Minnesota or a political subdivision.
- B. Lights:** Refers to headlights, taillights and marine navigational lighting as referenced in MN STAT 84.87, 84.928, 169.48 to 169.65 and 86B.511.

III. Procedures

A peace officer may not operate a vehicle without lights contrary to MN STAT 169.541. LIGHTING EXEMPTION FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT; STANDARDS. Under conditions of limited or reduced visibility as defined in MN STAT 84.87, 84.928, 169.48 to 169.65 and 86B.511:

- A.** On an interstate highway.
- B.** At speeds greater than what is reasonable and prudent under existing weather, road and traffic conditions.
- C.** Faster than the posted speed limit.
- D.** In situations where the peace officer is an active participant in the pursuit of a motor vehicle in violation of MN Statute 609.487.